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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read --BONE FRACTURE SUPPORT IMPLANT WITH NON-METAL SPACERS--.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Replace the paragraph at page 1, line 4, with the following:

-- The present application is a continuation of application number 09/289,324, filed April 9, 1999 and entitled INTRAMEDULLARY NAIL WITH NON-METAL SPACERS, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,XXX,XXX.--